

Gloria Grant (nee Melvin)

Born in Derry, Northern Ireland, on January 14, 1943, Gloria died in Victoria, BC, on January 28, 2022. Gloria is survived by Patrick, her husband of 57 years, sisters Helena (Seamus) and Veronica (Michael), children Nicholas (Colleen), Erinn (Behzad) and Damian (Ellie), as well as her grandchildren Desmond, Callum, Finley, Phoebe and Max.

Gloria and Patrick met as teenagers in Belfast and married in their early 20s. After stops in Brighton, UK, and Urbana-Champaign, Illinois, they found themselves in Victoria in 1968. They intended to stay for only a year or two, but ended up making a life here for themselves and for their children; a life supplemented by frequent adventures, including many trips to Europe and Gloria's yearly summer retreat to Cape Cod.

Gloria spent the first 20 years in Victoria raising her children and focusing on volunteer activities before joining the BC Public Service where she pursued a rewarding 20-year career in social services. She was broadly involved in the community and with her great many friends. She was an unfailing, enthusiastic supporter of her children's sporting activities – she never missed a game. In her retirement, Gloria enjoyed perfecting her house and garden. She loved travel, walks, coffees and, with a great and special tenderness, her grandchildren.

Our hope is that each of you remembers the light, laughter and friendship Gloria brought to the lives of all who knew her. She would be honoured by donations to The Victoria Women's Transition House Society, an organization about which she was passionate.

It was a blessing to have Gloria in our lives and we will love her always and forever. Fly free, sweet girl.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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